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Note:

Recently Telegram has changed it's Privacy Policy and It announced that it had handed over the statements of "terrorists" if requested to do so legally by governments.

Be sure to secure your account as described in the following steps:

Downloading Telegram:

We recommend to download Telegram version from F-droid store as it is a modified version without Google service

■ Several proprietary parts were removed from the original Telegram client, including Google Play Services for the location services, HockeySDK for self-updates and push

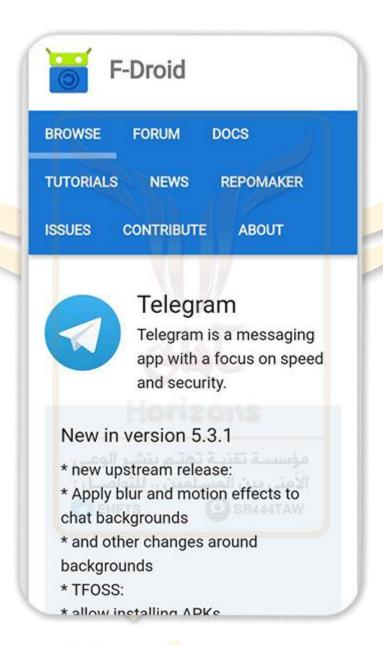








notifications through Google Cloud Messaging. Location sharing functionality is restored using OpenStreetMap.



| Telegram Permissions :

Telegram aske many permissions which violate users' privacy such as Telegram requests access to contacts to synchronize all user contacts and uploads them on Telegram servers. As this behavior threatens your privacy ,So you can use reverse engineering applications to modify Telegram permissions such as APK Editor | Appcloner











| Using VPN or Tor services:

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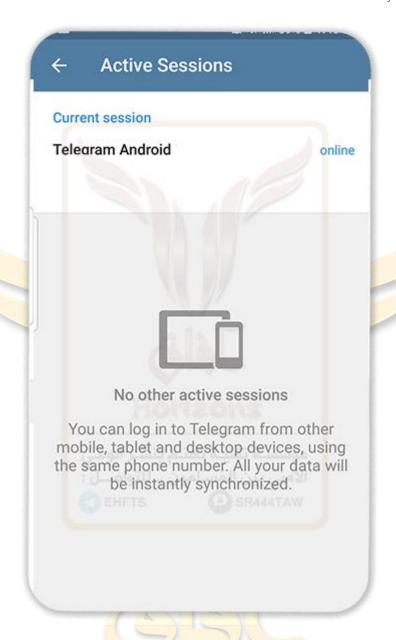












Using Tor proxy or VPN services while using Telegram is an imperative to prevent the company from accessing the real IP address of your device especially that Telegram stores many user metadata such as the time of sending and receiving messages, number, geographical location of both parties and the content of public messages as well

| Registration with a fake number in Telegram:

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Settings - Privacy & security - Active Sessions <u>Hushed</u>, <u>OnOFF</u>, <u>Side2line</u>.











| Proxy settings :

While you are using VPN services without a firewall or a (Always- on) features, Certain there will be a leak of the IP address of your device in case the VPN service is stopped. So it is necessary to add a proxy to Telegram as an extra layer of protection to protect your connection from leaking ip address

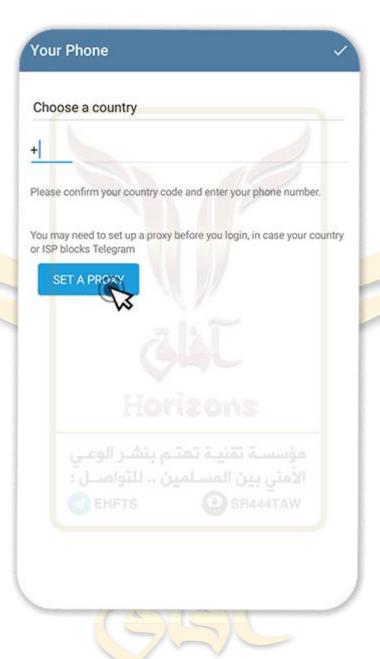
Press on Set proxy to add a proxy











Or go to telegram settings>>data and storage>>>> proxy settings









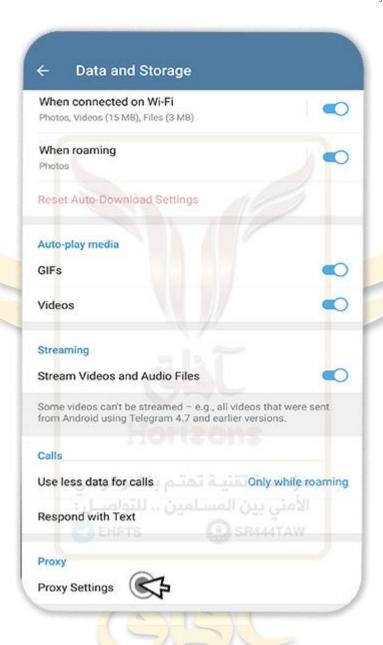












press on use Proxy













write Proxy data

Note: You can use the Tor proxy on the Android system by adding the following data

Server: 127.0.0.1 port: 9150

Then download and install **Tor Browser Alpha** and run it as shown in the following images





























Bridges are unlisted Tor relays that make it more difficult to block connections into the Tor network. Because of how some countries try to block Tor, certain bridges work in some countries but not others.

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Tap to configure a bridge to connect to Tor

ا**دخل عنوان جسرٍ أعرفه** دخل مع<mark>ل</mark>ومات جسر من مصدر موثوق.





























After adding the Tor proxy and launching the Tor browser, the proxy settings will show you a connecting word, which means that the proxy works











After logging in to Telegram you will see a shield icon as shown in the picture, which means that the proxy works

Notice?: When you add the Tor proxy, Telegram will only work if you first run the Tor browser





| Two Step verification:

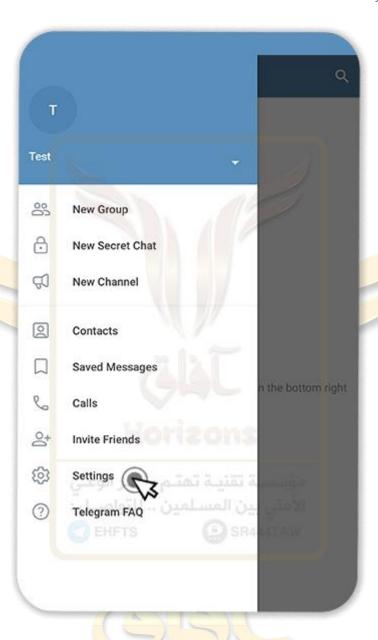
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Press on Settings



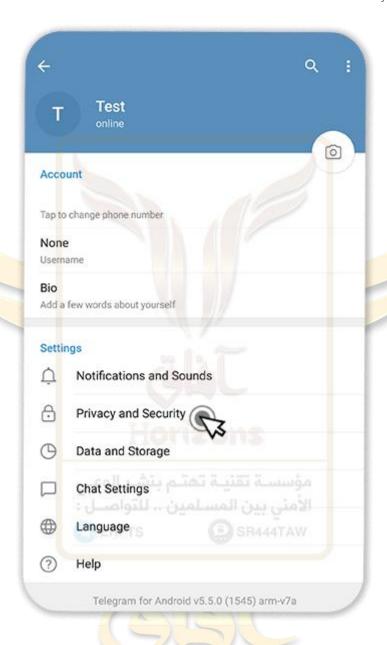






choose Privacy and security



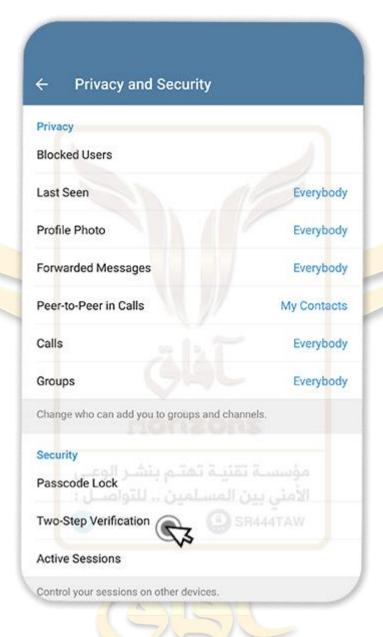


choose two step verification

Note: It is prefered to adjust the privacy settings as shown in the following pictures







Press in set additional password













Enter a password





Put your e-mail it's prefered to register by <u>Tutanota</u> or <u>Protonmail</u>







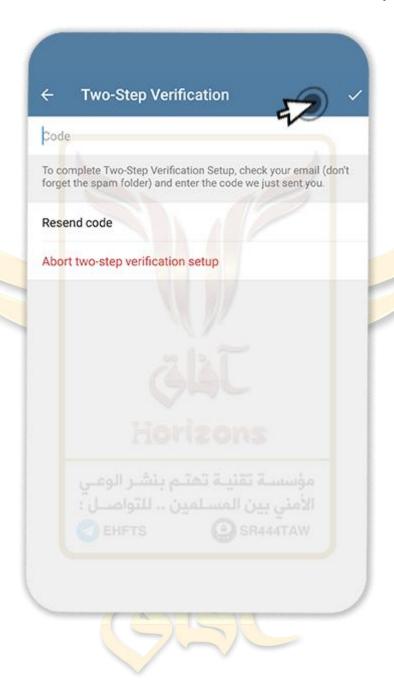




You will receive a code on the mail enter the code in Telegram







If you do not receive a code, you will receive a link to activate the 2-step verification feature directly

2-Step Verification prevents hackers and intelligence services from exploiting SS7 loopholes to access your Telegram account.

| Close the application with a passcode lock:

It's prefered to close the application with a password As if your phone is hacked the phone owner cannot access your We also recommend using a password consisting of letters, symbols, and numbers that are different from your phone lock password











press on number













| Prevent the app from sync your contacts:

When you install Telegram It directly uploads your contacts to the company's servers so that it is easy to identify the accounts

registered in the Telegram from your contacts

Note: If your contacts are synchronized via Telegram servers and one of your contacts is registered in Telegram they can see your account number even if your account number is fake

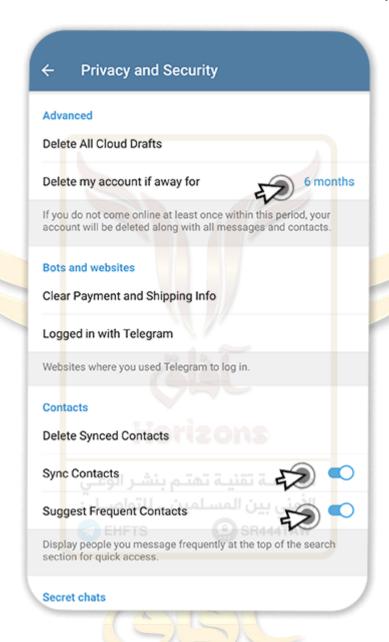
Be sure to disable the options shown in the following image











| Account self - destruction :

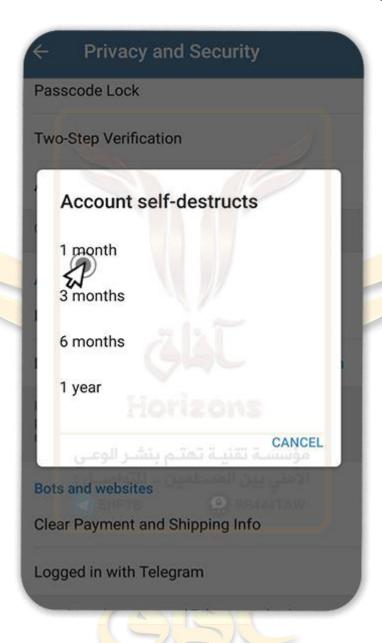
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Even if you lose your account for any emergency, it will automatically delete all account's details after one month from your last login

| Secret Message:

Although we have previously warned against depending on Telegram to receive sensitive data through secret conversation, many researchers and cryptography experts have criticized Telegram's encryption protocol because it is an experimental and unstable encryption protocol and has not taken the luck of security scrutiny by experts.which makes It's users sample experiments





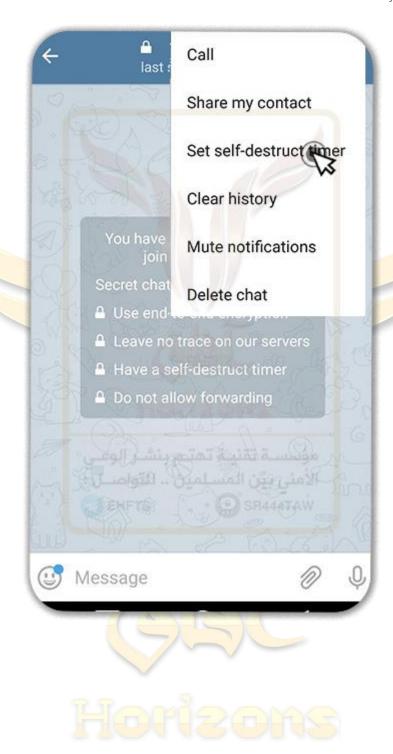




But secret conversations aren't stored on Telegram servers. So If it's necessary to communicate via Telegram, avoid public conversations and activate the self-destructive feature.











| Deactivate automatic media download :

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Press on Data and Storage

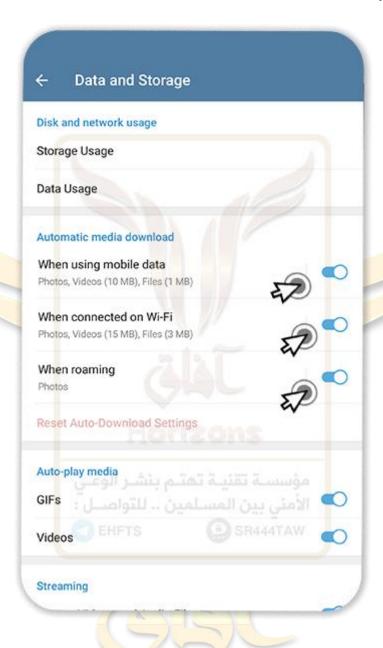
Be sure to close the following features











| Store temporary files on your phone:

Every image you see and every file you read or listen to or a video you see is automatically stored in your phone's cache even if you delete access to your phone's internal memory or prevent Telegram from accessing the storage memory.So You should activate keep media for 3 days

Go to Telegram settings press on on Data and Storage then Storage usage press on keep media









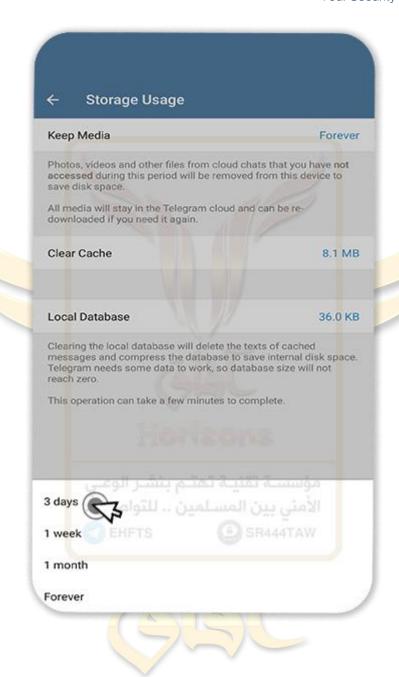


choose 3 days









| The internal browser in Telegram:

The Telegram app is based on Android System Webview, Its an app that installed by default on your phone to allow opening links within application but if ignore Android System WebView you or track through the security vulnerabilities that have been you hack discovered recently, So it's prefered to use Tor browser to see the links and don't use the internal browser of the application.

Go to Telegram's settings>> Chat settings











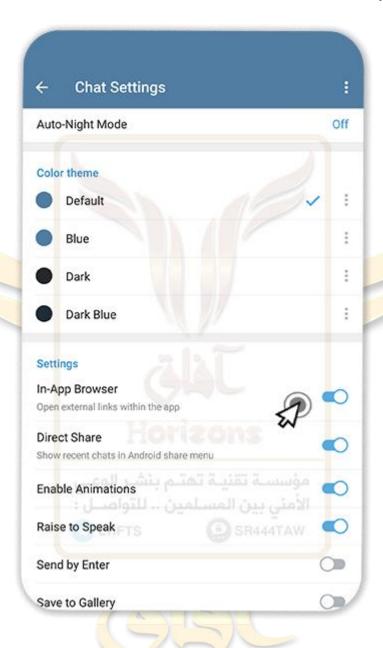
Deactivate the internal browser and direct share











| Delete conversations from both parties :









| Prevent Telegram connection in background:

In the latest version of Telegram 5.5.0, it's added new features to delete conversations from both parties by pressing on the conversation long press as shown in the picture and then choose Delete

When you install the Telegram app, the default settings are that it works automatically from the start of the phone until it is closed. This may be good for receiving notifications on time but if you don't use a proxy and depend on VPN services only and it stopped occurs leaking IP address



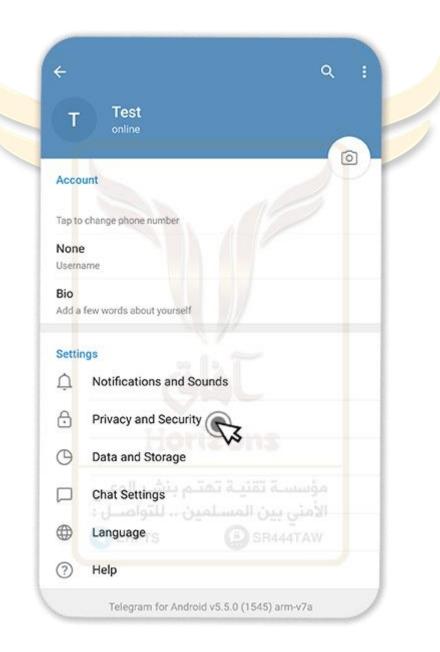




| Deactivate the Phone Number Appearance feature :

Be sure to activate "My Contacts" to choose whom he can find you by your number and to prevent anyone has your no. or your account from finding your Telegram account.

Go to Settings >> Privacy & Security



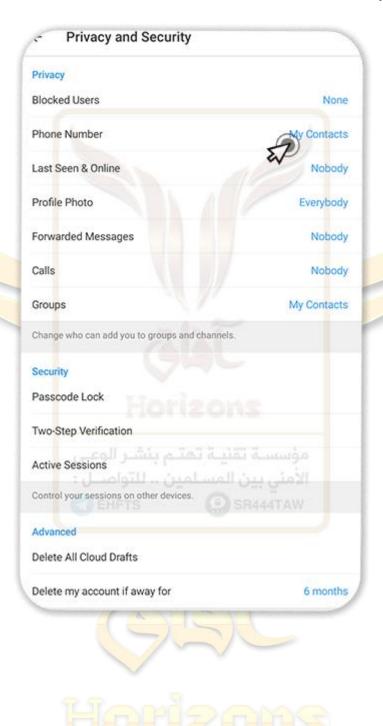
Press on the option in front of the phone number

Then Choose Nobody and press on the icon at the top to save your edits







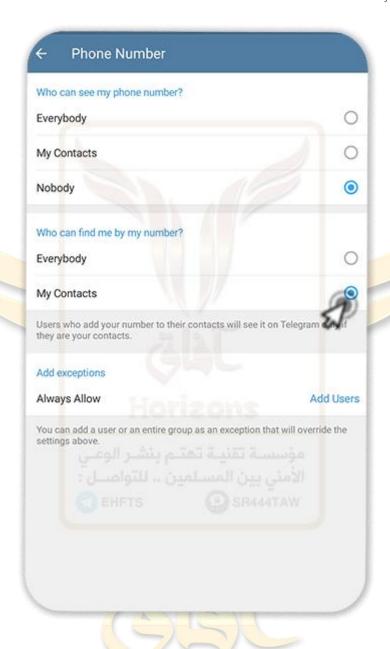












| Computer Telegram settings |

| Activate 2-step verification (web version):

It considered as one of the most important security features of Telegram which prevents any third parties from accessing your account. Even if he got the number you set in Telegram. The attacker will not be able to access your account data because he will have to delete the account in order to use the number again

press on the three dots above





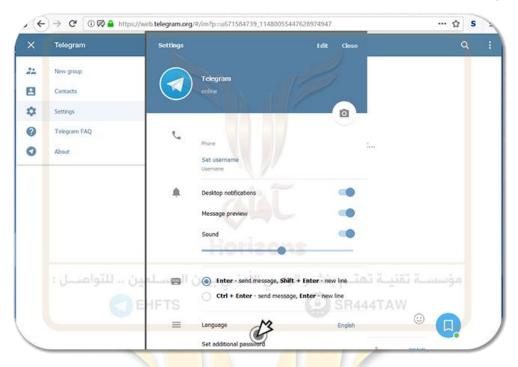






press on set additional password





Press on the option in front of the phone number

In the first box enter the password

Then, Rewrite it at the secound box

enter code to remember the password

the 4th option enter a recovery email in case you forget your password (optional)

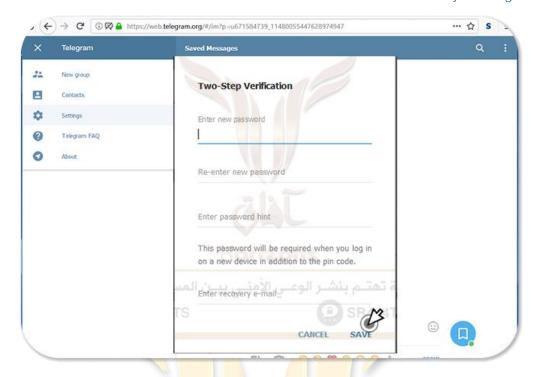
then press save



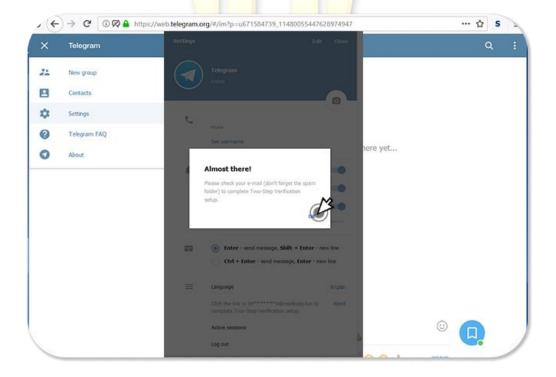








You will receive a code in the mail enter the code in the Telegram

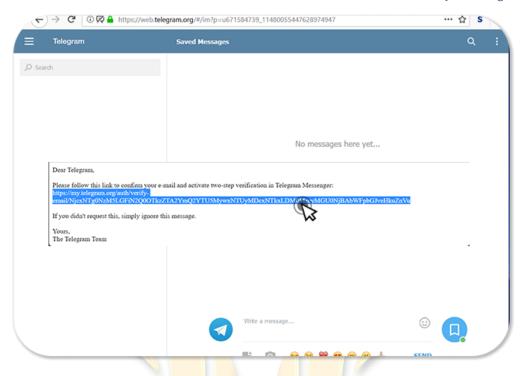


If you don't receive a code, you will receive a link to activate the 2-step verification feature.

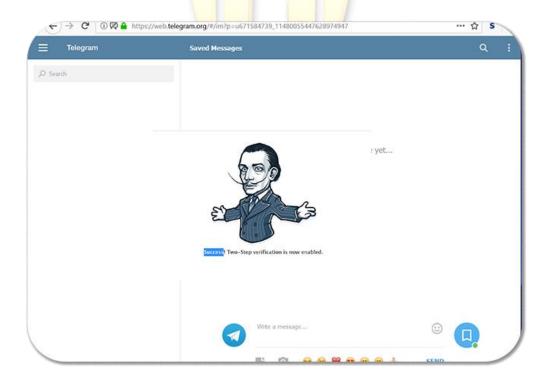
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When the following message appears, 2-Step Verification has been successfully activated



| Close Telegram application with a password (desktop version):

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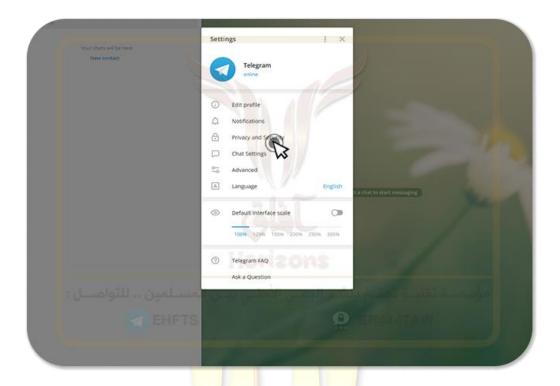
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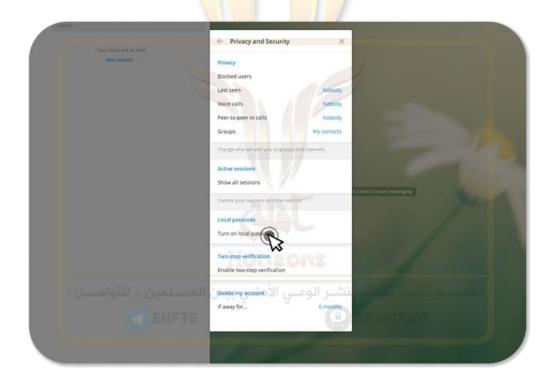




Go to settings >> privacy & security

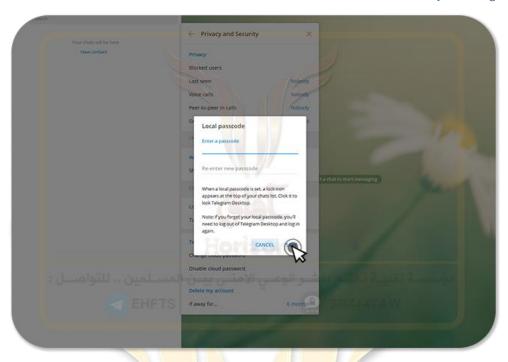


press on Turn on local passcode



write password then rewrite it and press save

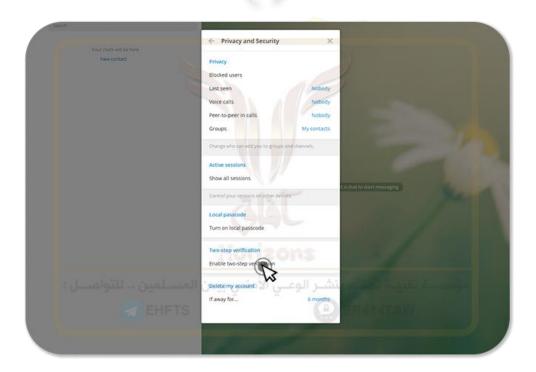




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press on enable two step verification



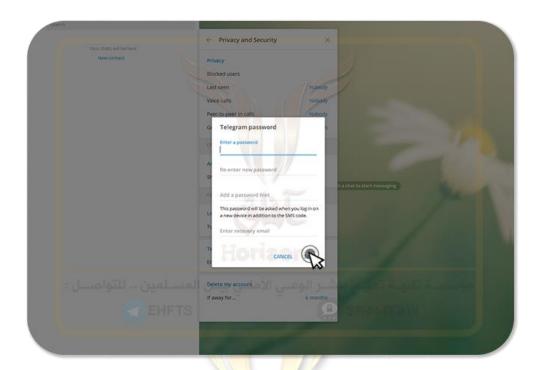
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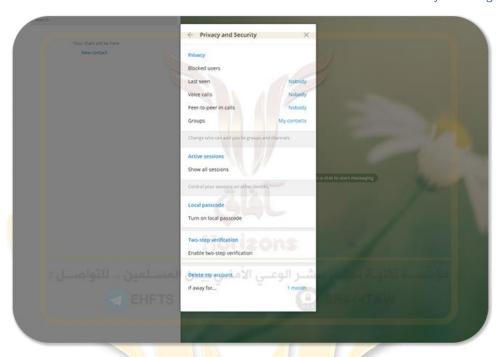








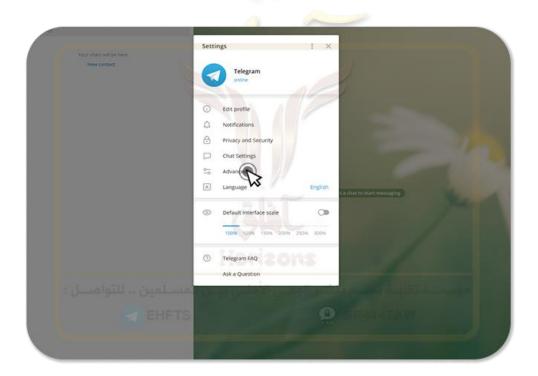




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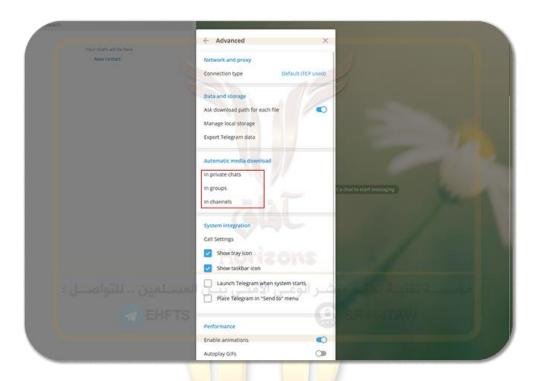




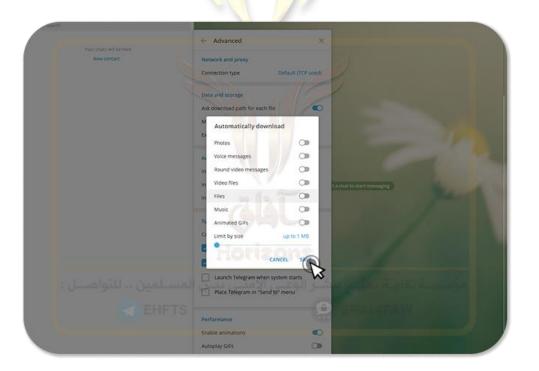




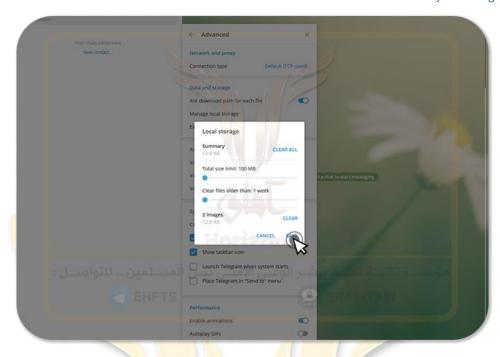
Besure to close the permission of automatic download in conversavtions, groups and channels as you see in the following picture



Close the following features and press save







| Deactivate the Phone Number Appearance feature

Go to Settings >> Privacy & Security

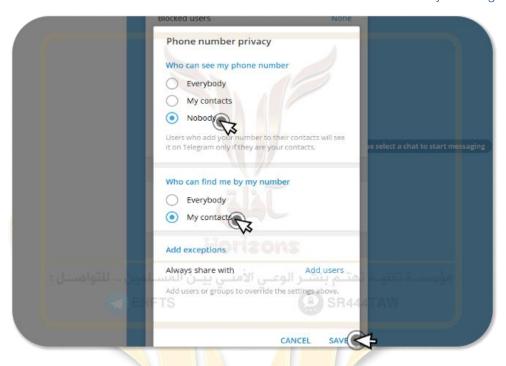


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| Telegram alternatives for secure encrypted messaging |

■ For Android systems we recommend using Conversations with Omemo encryption protocol to send or receive personal or sensitive data via XMPP servers

We recommend <u>Conversations</u> app as it is one of the best encrypted communication apps for Android











vWe also recommend using Gajim for encrypted communication through Windows and Linux systems















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